

## IT WILL BE HELD

People Voted for a Constitutional Conventional.

## HERE ARE THE FIGURES

What Plurality State Officials Received and These Will Be No Contests; Too Expensive.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 23.—The state board of canvassers today issued certificates of election to all the successful candidates. Attorney-General Killea is the only democrat who pulled through, his plurality being a little over 1,000, while Shaffer and Newton are defeated by only a few votes. Hamilton's plurality is reduced to 14,729 on account of errors in Muskegon county, 3,928 votes having been rejected because they read "J. B. Hamilton" instead of "J. F. Hamilton."

The final figures are as follows: John T. Rice, governor, 19,000 plurality; J. W. Giddings, lieutenant-governor, 21,657; J. W. Jochim, secretary of state, 21,666; treasurer, F. Hamilton, 14,729; Stanley W. Turner, auditor-general, 23,182; John G. Berry, commissioner of the land office, 457; A. A. Ellis, attorney-general, 1,322; Henry R. Patterson, superintendent of public instruction, 22,408; Eugene A. Wilson, member state board of education, 21,907; Frank A. Hooker, justice supreme court, 182.

It is thought that neither Shaffer nor Newton will contest the election further, the expense of such action being very great.

With Congress. Another very important result was announced today. The squabbling legislature, it will be remembered, passed a resolution submitting to the people a proposition to call a constitutional convention. The proposition was to attempt to revise the fundamental law had been made, but always without success. It has been ascertained that the official canvass that the electors of the state of Michigan do want such a convention: at least 16,948 of them do. Only 14,240 registered negative votes, while out of some 468,000 people who voted on state officers, only 33,193 cared a rap one way or the other.

The incoming legislature will fix the time and place for the convention. It is probable that there will be a general overhauling and correcting of the old constitution, and doubtless many persons with Utopian schemes will seek to incorporate them in its articles. The only changes certain to be adopted are those relating to salaries of state officers.

## NICK POINT DECIDED.

Captain Matthews Must Stand Trial for an Attempted Murder.

BENSONIA, Dec. 23.—The trial of Matthews of the Frankfort life-saving station for the attempt to murder George Logge, a surf-man, began yesterday afternoon. After the prosecution attorney had stated the case, the defense moved to quash the proceedings on the ground that the state courts had no jurisdiction, the crime having been committed at the life saving station, which is United States property. It was held that Captain Matthews could be tried only in the federal courts. The judge, however, overruled the objection and the trial went on.

## Nearing the End.

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—The end is very near in the case of Ex-Gov. H. P. Baldwin. He is hourly growing weaker and may drop off at almost any moment. All hope is abandoned, and it is now only a question of the power of physical endurance. Dr. T. A. McGraw, who is attending him, says it is only a question of a day or two at most. Mr. Baldwin passed a very restless night and is exceedingly weak today. He suffers little pain, but is a great deal of the time under the influence of opiates. When conscious he realizes his position, but is cheerful and apparently willing to relinquish the struggle.

## "They're After Him."

RAY CITY, Dec. 23.—Word reached here from Cedar d'Alene City, Id., that extradition papers were issued yesterday for Benjamin Dixon of Bay City, who is charged with having been the manager of the saginaw mill company of Cedar d'Alene City, December 4, 1891, to secure the insurance, about \$40,000. Statements were recently made by employees of the mill implicating the owners and on these the papers are based. The mill was not rebuilt and Dixon moved back to Michigan.

## Champion Pie-Eater.

JACKSON, Dec. 23.—Major Evans, a convict at the prison, is the champion pie-eater of the city. The major won the championship and a leather medal ten inches in diameter from his side partner in the state institution, one Joe Washington, the latter being a colored man, and having much the largest mouth. Both had their hands tied behind them, but somehow Evans' mouth worked better than Washington's.

## Anxious to Die.

GRAND RAPIDS, Dec. 23.—It transpired that W. C. Marsh, a local photographer, made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide Monday night. He tried to bleed to death by cutting an artery in the arm, but a physician saved his life. This is the second attempt within a very few days that Marsh has made to take his life. He is said to have been prompted by domestic troubles.

## Bringing Home a Bride.

FLINT, Dec. 23.—A few days ago the Hon. William Newton, circuit judge, left for a trip in the east on business and recreation, but it has just trans-

pired that he was married today at

Flint, New York, to Miss Grace

Hughes, daughter of Edward Hughes,

at the residence of her parents in the

above city. Miss Hughes is an esti-

mable young lady, well known in this

city, where she graduated from the

high school a few years ago. The

newly wedded couple will spend a few

days in New York city, and will return

to Flint about the first of January.

## Christmas at Austerville.

AUSTERVILLE, Dec. 23.—The Christmas

tree and entertainment held at Aus-

terville on Christmas eve in behalf

of the Sunday school proved a grand suc-

cess. A splendid program was ren-

dered and many hearts made glad by

the numerous presents distributed.

The district school presented their teacher, H. B. Minchin, with a beautiful shaving set and a large photograph album as a token of self esteem of his work while in their school.

## Wanted: A Polyglot.

FREDONIA, Dec. 23.—The German

Lutheran church of Fredonia is in a

turnout. The minister in charge could

preach only in German, while a portion

of the society wanted the gospel in

English part of the time. Another

minister was obtained who could talk

two languages. Now the tongues of

the church members are unimpaired

and a fuselage of words is in progress

that threaten to exhaust the adjectives

of both languages.

## Elected Officers.

ANN ARBOR, Dec. 23.—The State Hor-

tical society have elected the follow-

ing officers: T. T. Lyon, of South

Haven, president; Edw. Reid of Al-

legan, secretary; members of the ex-

ecutive board, L. D. Watkins, Manches-

ter, and Prof. L. K. Taft of the Michi-

gan Agricultural college.

## Michigan Gets There.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The presi-

dent today signed the appointments of

the following named postmasters,

whose offices by an increase of receipts

have become presidential: Joseph E.

Watson, Bronson, Mich.; John Donald,

Marquette, Mich.; Eugene H. Swain,

Sand Beach, Mich.

## Manifest Fire.

MANISTEE, Dec. 23.—Emmett's notion

store and Andrew Lorenz's saloon

were completely destroyed by fire last

night, and Baumann & Walz's meat

market was partly burned. The loss is

\$4,500; insurance \$4,000.

## Died of His Wounds.

BATTLE CREEK, Dec. 23.—Hoffman

Minor of Leroy township, while hunt-

ing rabbits with his brother yesterday,

was accidentally shot in the stomach

by the latter and died soon after. He

was married.

## Hotel Man Drops Dead.

ADRIAN, Dec. 23.—John W. Ryan, for

mer proprietor of the Hotel Hotel, died

this morning. He was 62 years of age

and doing a money-making business.

## Cut in Two.

HOMER, Dec. 23.—A Michigan Central

brakeman fell from a car this morning

and was cut in two. His body was

frantically mangled and has not been

identified.

## Fishing Failure.

FLEMING, Dec. 23.—Sweet & Clark,

general merchants, assigned today to

F. A. Nyles, liabilities, \$12,000. There

are \$10,000 in claims made by Detroit

merchants.

## Alleged Forger Arrested.

SAGINAW, Dec. 23.—Thomas Welch

was arrested here this afternoon on in-

struction from Bay City. He is wanted

there for forging a note for \$130.

## Hotel Fire.

GRAND RAPIDS, Dec. 23.—The Ander-

son hotel, a four-story building, was

damaged \$4,000 worth by fire and

water this morning.

## State News in Brief.

Angus McCormick, residing five miles

south of here, came to this village,

driving a young and spirited colt. In

the evening he started for home al-

right, but what was the astonishment

of our people the next morning to hear

that he was dead. The colt became

frantic and ran away, throwing

him out, fracturing his skull and caus-

ing other injuries. He was conscious

when found and remained so until he

died a few hours later.—Merrill Sen-

tinel.

"You can't make me believe," said

County Clerk Tefft yesterday afternoon,

"that the ladies do not do at least a

portion of the proposing during each

year. This year there will be at least

500 marriage licenses filed in this office.

Last year there were 429 and the year

before but 415, and I must naturally

credit the increase to the ladies."—

Jackson Patriot.

Lafayette Williams, of the Williams

Bros. heading factory, of Tekonsha,

caught his right hand in the blast face

while adjusting a bolt Tuesday morn-

ing and the fingers were crushed so

badly as to necessitate amputation.

Both bones of the wrist were broken.

Emilia Grant, of Mt. Clemens, was

arrested and jailed, charged with shop-

lifting from the store of E. J. Olds.

She was fined \$100 and cost or one

year in the house of correction. Her

mother settled.

office presented Postmaster Foster with a magnificent watch chain and charm studded with diamonds Christmas morning.

At Filion bear brings \$18 per carcass.

The straits are frozen clear across.

Osego has a new Baptist church.

## Northwestern Travelers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—One hundred

members of the Northwestern Travel-

ing Men's association met in annual

session here today. President George

J. Reed occupying the chair. After the

address of the president the report of

the secretary was read. It showed that

during the year just closed \$170,000 had

been paid out in benefits to the relatives

of deceased members. A proposal

to establish a reserve fund was voted

down. A committee was appointed to

take the matter of increasing the mem-

bership into consideration. Officers

were also chosen for the ensuing year.

## Indiana Coal Mines Pooled.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 23.—The

expected pooling of the Hocking Valley

bituminous mines is likely to be fol-

lowed by a similar pooling in the Indi-

ana field. Officers of the big mines

having headquarters here are free to

say that something of that kind is

likely to take place, and in defense of

such a movement they point out the

fact that notwithstanding the present

extraordinary demand for coal and the

high prices at which it is being re-

lated the companies are making but

little money.

## Against Restriction.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—At a meeting of

the state board of health, resolutions

were unanimously adopted declaring

that it is impracticable to attempt to

prohibit the importation of cholera

during the coming year by restrictions

upon immigration. The board has no

fear of an invasion of the disease, and

expresses its confidence that with rea-

sonable precaution, any case which may

appear can be speedily and success-fully

dealt with.

## Wait Until They Drink Whisky.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The committee

of eleven appointed by the liquor de-

alers association to solicit subscriptions

to build distilleries to be run independ-

ently of the whisky trust met in the

Academy of Music this afternoon. After

the meeting, which lasted over three hours,

Chairman David H. Koehler said that

it had been decided to say nothing for

publication of what occurred.

## Our Committee in Cuba.

HAVANA, Dec. 23.—A committee ap-

pointed by the United States congress

to investigate Cuban quarantine and

immigration matters arrived here today.

## A Child Enjoys

The pleasant flavor, gentle action and

soothing effect of Syrup of Figs, when

in need of a laxative, and if the father

or mother be constive or bilious, the

most gratifying results follow its use;

so that it is the best family remedy

known and every family should have a

bottle.

## Save money on a pair of those nice

wool blankets at Voigt, Herpolsheimer &

Co's.

## Our prices on blankets are right.

VOIGT, HERPOLSHEIMER & CO.

## Lily White Flour.

This popular brand is manu-

factured by the Valley City Milling

company.

Try the new painless method of fill-

ing teeth by Robinson Dental Co., No.

65 Monroe street.

The balance of our holiday presents

at prices to close them out.

VOIGT, HERPOLSHEIMER & CO.

The Valley City Milling company

manufactures LILY WHITE. Those

who use it once will have no other.

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Upholstery and Furniture Repairing

The best of work at the lowest figures.

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## TO CONTRACTORS!

Sealed proposals will be received up to

and including Saturday, Dec. 21, 1902, at 10 o'clock

A. M. for the construction of a new city of Grand

Rapids. Specifications on file in City Marshal's office.

The Marshal reserves the right to reject any

or all bids.

WILLIAM BRAGG,

City Marshal